

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY SENATE - Feb.11,1966

The fifth meeting of the 1955/66 Session of the University Senate was called to order at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 1966.

Upon request of Professor Sharpe, the minutes of the previous meeting in paragraph 4, page 1, were amended as follows:

"On motion made by Professor Sharpe, seconded by Professor Kraus, the nomination of Professor Robert Eugene Park of the Law School faculty to serve as Parliamentarian of the University Senate was confirmed unanimously."
(new wording is underlined)

The minutes were then approved as amended.

Professor Willson, on behalf of the Committee on Appointment, Salary and Promotion Policies (including Fringe Benefits) addressed the Senate. He pointed out that the Interim Report of this Committee had been made to the Faculty Assembly on February 8, 1966, and a copy of it would be attached to the minutes of that meeting and distributed to the Faculty. He therefore requested that the report not be reread at the Senate meeting. Professor Willson then turned to the request that had been made at a previous meeting that the recommendations contained in the report of last year's Sub-committee on Retirement be presented to the Senate in the form of a resolution for its action. Professor Willson stated that the Committee needed more time for such action and will, therefore, wish to postpone the matter to the March meeting. In considering this report, however, Professor Willson said that a matter of great urgency had been brought out. The matter related to retirement benefits for faculty members who had retired under the Past Service Benefit, and before the institution of the TIAA policy for retirement. The retirement benefits under the old plan amounted to 1% of the retiree's 1945 salary times the number of years of service up to a maximum of 25 years and contained no survivorship provisions for widows. As now written, the Past Service Benefit also contains no provision for cost-of-living increases. Professor Willson asked that the rules of the Senate be suspended to permit the following resolution to be placed before the Senate for immediate action:

"A RESOLUTION FOR INCREASING THE PAST SERVICE BENEFIT
INCOME OF RETIRED FACULTY (65/13)

"Be it resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington University:

"The Senate urges the President and the Board of Trustees to proceed immediately and generously to increase the Past Service Benefit and to take all other measures necessary to secure for retired faculty and their widows a retirement income in keeping with the increased cost of living."

On motion made by Professor Sharpe, seconded by Professor Stevens, and followed by remarks to the question by Professors Heller and Kraus, and Mr. Cantini, Assistant Treasurer, and a ruling by the Parliamentarian that the content of the resolution was a question for proper debate, the resolution carried without exception.

Professor Stevens, Chairman of the Executive Committee, announced the discharge of the Committee of the Faculty to Ascertain the Facts in All Cases in which the Board of Trustees Have Not Seen Fit or Do Not See Fit to Follow the Recommendations of the Faculty Assembly or the University Senate. He reminded the Senate that the matters with which this committee had been concerned would now be returned to the Senate committees into whose jurisdiction they fell.

Dean Charles Cole, Coordinator of the University Self-Study for the Middle States Evaluation in 1967, then addressed the Senate. He stated that various studies by the schools and colleges themselves will be incorporated into the over-all report. At present such studies are underway in the College of General Studies, the School of Medicine, Office of the Dean for Sponsored Research, and by the Deans of Men and Women, and later will be started in the Schools of Education and Law, the Graduate School of Public Law, the University Division, the School of Government, Business and International Affairs, and Columbian College. Dean Cole stated that the vast amount of raw data obtained will then be synthesized into one comprehensive report covering the entire University. When this point is reached, Dean Cole hopes to enlist the aid of the Chairmen of the Senate Committees in distilling the raw data to achieve an approximate 200-page report for presentation to the Middle States Evaluation group. The Dean stated that eight guidelines have been presented by the Middle States group within which the report will be written. Copies of these guidelines are available in his office.

Professor Stevens, Chairman of the Executive Committee, seconded by Dr. Miller, moved the following resolution (65/11), the title of which was amended to read "RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FACULTY ORGANIZATION PLAN" in order to conform with the recommended form suggested in the By-Laws of the Senate:

"Whereas President Elliott has recommended that University Committees and Senate Committees which have come to parallel each other's areas of activity be merged or eliminated where feasible, and in order to implement this recommendation, the Executive Committee recommends that The George Washington University Faculty Organization Plan (III The University Senate; Section 5, Committees; Sub-section (c), Standing and Special Committees; Sub-section (1), Sentence #3) be amended as follows:

"Other committee members may be selected from the membership of the Assembly, or from the student body or other friends of the University."

Dean Linton, upon the request of Professor Highfill, read a letter to the Senate which had been sent by Professor Highfill to Professor Stevens, with copies to Deans Linton and John A. Brown, Jr. The letter expressed Dr. Highfill's strong objections to this resolution based upon his own recollections of the purposes and aims of the Senate at the time of its constitution. After long discussion and remarks to the question by Professors Stevens, Nash, Heller, Yakobson, Sharkey, Nimer and Kraus, Professor Sharpe, seconded by Professor Coleman, moved that the resolution be recommitted to the Executive Committee for further study. After remarks to the point by Professors Heller and Yakobson and a motion to amend the resolution by Professor Nimer (which was not seconded) and some further remarks from Professors Naeser, Kraus and Reesing, the question was called and the resolution was recommitted to the Executive Committee by a vote of 15 ayes to 6 nays.

Professor Stevens, seconded by Dr. Miller, then moved the following resolution (65/12):

"RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS
AT SENATE AND FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

"Whereas the Executive Committee of the University Senate believes that broader participation in the activities of the University Senate is desirable,

"The Executive Committee recommends that two members of the student body, to be designated by the Student Council and a representative of the University Hatcher, to be designated by the Editor of the Hatcher, be invited to attend meetings of the University Senate and the Faculty Assembly."

After general discussion, the question was called and the above resolution failed to carry on a vote of 8 ayes to 12 nays.

Professor Stevens moved the following partial slate of nominees for appointment to the University Resources Committee, seconded by Dr. Miller:

David Brown
John T. Dailey

Seymour Alpert, Chairman

Geza Teleki
George Steiner

Professor Heller nominated Professor Albert Murdaugh of the School of Engineering and Applied Science for addition to the above slate. Professor Sharpe, seconded by Professor Stevens, moved the nominations be closed, and the above partial slate was approved without exception.

On motion, seconded, Professor Sharkey was elected to the Chairmanship of the Athletics Committee, replacing Dr. Seymour Alpert.

On motion seconded and carried, Professor Edward Braun was elected to serve on the Committee on Admissions and Advanced Standing.

Professor Stevens reported that Professor Vincent, as recommended by the University Senate at its meeting on January 14th, 1966, had been invited by Chairman Morris to serve as a member of the Medical School Council.

Professor Stevens distributed copies of Dr. H. George Mandel's letter concerning the question of a full-time load for graduate students and suggested that proper committees of the Senate might wish to pursue the matter further. Dr. Mandel is Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee reported upon three matters which had been brought up at the University Academic Policy Committee:

- 1) Dean Bright had spoken of a decision made by the Budget Bureau and its effect upon the University community.
- 2) Dean Latimer raised questions regarding foreign students which might also be of concern to Senate committees.
- 3) Dean Mason had submitted a Definition of Total Activity of a Faculty Member.

A P P E N D I X

RESOLUTION: (Adopted by the Senate March 11, 1966)

Resolution:

March 9, 1966

After having concerned itself with the current efforts to review the work of the College of General Studies, the Senate Committee on Educational Policy wishes to express its satisfaction with the significant efforts which are being made under the present leadership of CGS to strengthen the academic quality of its program and to relate its work more effectively to the University at large.

We note especially the efforts made to develop closer relations with the University Departments than in the past. We welcome the continuing review of instructors and their qualifications, the tightening-up of selection procedures and of admissions standards for students. We express our strong support for the elimination of any programs especially in outlying areas, hampered by the inadequacy of library facilities or the lack of well-qualified faculty. The continuation of such programs would be clearly incompatible with the professed goals of the University. In the light of these considerations, the phasing-out of the Tidewater area programs (which we understand has been decided) has our strong support.

Much remains to be done. Among the pressing tasks on the agenda which can hardly be delayed is a close scrutiny of the academic programs offered by this University at the several War Colleges. This is an area in which academic programs are closely linked with the public service. Hence both academic and public needs require the most scrupulous discharge of our responsibilities in this unique relationship.

Be it resolved, therefore, that the University Senate commends the College of General Studies for its current efforts to promote academic standards and urges that it carry on a continuing review of programs and standards.